

**Reported Escapes<sup>1</sup> and recoveries of Atlantic salmon in Washington State, British Columbia, and Alaska, 1987-2004<sup>2</sup>.**

Year	ATLANTIC SALMON ESCAPES				ATLANTIC SALMON RECOVERIES							NUMBER OF SYSTEMS WITH RECOVERIES		
	Washington <sup>3</sup>				Freshwater			Marine						
	Adults in Marine Waters	Juveniles in Freshwater	Adults in Marine Waters	Total B.C. Escapes	Juveniles in B.C.	Adults in B.C.	Adults in Alaska	Adults in B.C.	Adults in Alaska <sup>5</sup>	Adults in WA	Total Recoveries	B.C. Juveniles	B.C. Adults	Alaska Adults
1987						1		1			2			1
1988								106		6	112			0
1989								8		52	60			0
1990						3		2	1	453	459			1
1991			6,651	6,651		8		31	7	1028	1,074			5
1992			9,544	9,544		48		349	2	166	565			9
1993			11,500	11,500		23		4,543	27	256	4,849			12
1994		7,000	63,929	70,929		50		1,037	27	378	1,492			11
1995		941	51,883	52,824		57		678	23	204	962			19
1996	107,000	40,000	13,104	53,104	54	211		673	135	128	1,201	2		30
1997	369,000	10,464	7,471	17,935	26	129		2,664	77	2271	5,167	4		30
1998	22,639	300	88,968	89,268	114	90	1	136	155	46	542	4		28
1999	115,000		35,740	35,740	150	184		190	19	14	557	5		14
2000			37,392	37,392	12	131	1	7,834	81	1	8,060	3		18
2001		247	57,643	57,890	3	116	1	179	35	2	336	1		13
2002			9,282	9,282	8	40		562	6	0	616	4		14
2003									3					
2004									1					
Total	613,639	58,952	393,107	442,777	367	1,091	3	18,993	600	5,006	25,438			3

<sup>1</sup> Unreported escapes include "leakage", the loss of small fish that swim free when small-mesh net pens are replaced by large-mesh net pens.

The salmon farming industry estimates this leakage at 3%-5%; this could total several hundred thousand unreported fish escaping every year.

<sup>2</sup> BC, WA Information for 2002-2004 is not available.

<sup>3</sup> Reporting of escapes or recoveries of Atlantic salmon in Washington State is not required or documented. Those listed here were large enough to make the news.

<sup>4</sup> Known escapes in British Columbia are required to be reported to the Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Atlantic Salmon Watch program.

The extent of compliance with reporting requirements is suspect, a small number of farms have never reported an escape, nor is "leakage" reported.

<sup>5</sup> Alaska's total for marine Atlantic salmon captures includes 1 salmon that was recovered at an unknown date.

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